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Dick, Howard, Gary, re Dick 2/9, Howard 2/9,12:

N.O. Transcripts-I have already written you all and I do not recommend copying of any of those I'd already listed to you. More- I do have a copy that can be circulated or each on the list, and he who wants can copy what little he might find of interest or value. I suggest a distribution system be worked out, with the one having most free time getting first. The reminds of that Lifton reportedly had and is selling Shaneyfelt and Zapruder. Having read Z, I can see no reason for anyone having any great interest in it. + have it in the above. Now, with N.O. not having Shaneyfelt, I am quite interested in where and how Dave got his transcript. The cost from the court reporter is enormous. If any of you gets Shaneyfelt, I'd be very interested in a copy. Unless John bought a copy and didn't tell us, I have difficulty finding a ready source other than "the other side".

Fibres on 399:This has been my presumpetion, for it is backed in cotton or a similer material. Or was.

Dick on short slits and missing lead: I agree. I disagree with Howard's suggestion this had to be like brain surgery and, on the basis of my own such examination, I do not believe there was a loose fragment awaiting the more vigorous application of a fingernail than I used.

Bishop: agree with Dick (Howard did not enclose carbon). I think his value to us is what + had indicated, that those who,for various reasons, will not speak to us, did speak to him. The remaining question is the fidelity of his reporting of what they told him.

I've heard nothing further from the Archives on my requests for enlargements of the slits-areas of the shirt negative, for duplication of my own picture of 399 (Howard, when you are again here, you should examine the two side views I also have, on the squeezing), or for a statement whether or not they have the panels' materials. Simmons tells me they have copies of the final documents only. He may or may not know, but I see no reason to assume he does not. This is an area I'll have to explore with care. I am trying to take it step by step. I have sent you copies of my correspondence on this, which now includes Justice, Archives and all doctors. I have, for the moment not included Bromley. Until there is response, there is no more I can now do except conjecture, whichI'd prefer not to s end time on.

Sincerely,